

place for Clarence Hill, the admiral's official residence, is an inclosed little bay, with the dark cedar woods coming close down on all sides to the water's edge. A garden rich with the luxuriant foliage-vegetation which suits the climate and the sheltered situation so well, runs along one side of the cove under the hill; and in the garden a little mound marks the grave of a midddy, who died, poor boy! on the station, and who was buried in that quiet place in accordance with a not unnatural wish.

A winding path leads through the wood up to the house. Outside the drawing-room window there is a veranda looking down upon another small terraced garden, and commanding a very lovely view over the islands. While we were standing at the window enjoying it, a little flock of birds, some of them bright scarlet, and others of a splendid metallic blue, more like the fancy birds on an old brocade than real pirates of a kitchen garden, alighted on one of the trees below us. The "red bird" (*Guarica cardinalis*) and the "blue bird"—the blue-robin of the States (*Sialia Wilsoni*), are probably commoner and more tame at Clarence Hill than elsewhere, because Mrs. Fanshawe especially protects and encourages them; but they are frequent all over the islands, and they are so very ornamental that various laws have been enacted by the legislature to prevent their extermination.

From Clarence Hill we went on to Mount Langton, the residence of the governor. We were unfortunate in not finding the governor at home on this occasion; but we had the pleasure of seeing him very frequently afterward, and the kindness with which he did every thing in his power to make our visit pleasant and profitable will long be remembered by all of us. We were indebted to Admiral Fanshawe and to Captain Aplin, Captain-superintendent of the dock-yard, for every possible accommodation and assistance in carrying on our work, in addition to the greatest personal kindness; but General Lefroy's time was less occupied with official duty. Himself a trained